

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Yoshinobu OKUNO et al. :
Serial No. NEW : Attn: Application Branch
Filed August 1, 2001 : Attorney Docket No. 2001_0977

POLYPEPTIDES FOR USE IN GENERATING
ANTI-HUMAN INFLUENZA VIRUS ANTIBODIES
(AS AMENDED)
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
of Serial No. 09/004,422,
Filed January 8, 1998)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel without prejudice claims 1-19.

Kindly add the following new claims:

20. An isolated gene which codes for a polypeptide having an antigenicity which is substantially the same as that of the stem region of hemagglutinin molecule of human influenza A virus.

21. The isolated gene as claimed in claim 20, wherein said gene has the DNA sequence of SEQ ID No. 46.